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and no informal approvals will be granted. As soon as the manufacturer has received the formal approval, he shall be free to advertise his detector as permissible.

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§22.10 Approval plate.

(a) Attachment to be made by manufacturers. (1) Manufacturers shall attach, stamp, or mold an approval plate on each permissible methane detector. The plate shall bear the emblem of the Mines Safety and Health Administration and be inscribed as follows:

Permissible Methane Detector (or Permissible Methane Indicating Detector) Approval No. _____ issued to the ____ Company.

- (2) When deemed necessary, an appropriate caution statement shall be added. The size and position of the approval plate shall be satisfactory to MSHA.
- (b) Purpose of approval plate. The approval plate is a label that identifies the device so that anyone can tell at a glance whether it is of the permissible type or not. By the plate, the manufacturer can point out that his detector complies with MSHA's requirements and that it has been approved for use in gassy mines.
- (c) Use of approval plate. Permission to place MSHA's approval plate on his detector obligates the manufacturer to maintain the quality of his product and to see that each detector is constructed according to the drawings that have been accepted by MSHA and are in MSHA's files. Detectors exhibiting changes in design that have not been approved are not permissible and must not bear MSHA's approval plate.

(d) Withdrawal of approval. MSHA reserves the right to rescind for cause at any time any approval granted under this part.

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§ 22.11 Instructions on handling future changes in design.

All approvals are granted with the understanding that the manufacturer will make the detector according to the drawings submitted to MSHA

which have been considered and included in the approval. Therefore, when the manufacturer desires to make any changes in the design, the manufacturer should first obtain MSHA's approval of the change. The procedure is as follows:

- (a)(1) The manufacturer must write to the Approval and Certification Center, Rural Route #1, Box 251, Industrial Park Road, Triadelphia, WV 26059, requesting an extension of the original approval and stating the change or changes desired. With this request, the manufacturer should submit a revised drawing or drawings showing changes in detail, together with one of each of the parts affected.
- (2) Where the applicant for approval has used an independent laboratory under part 6 of this chapter to perform, in whole or in part, the necessary testing and evaluation for approval of changes to an approved product under this part, the applicant must provide to MSHA as part of the approval application:
- (i) Written evidence of the laboratory's independence and current recognition by a laboratory accrediting organization;
- (ii) Complete technical explanation of how the product complies with each requirement in the applicable MSHA product approval requirements;
- (iii) Identification of components or features of the product that are critical to the safety of the product; and
- (iv) All documentation, including drawings and specifications, as submitted to the independent laboratory by the applicant and as required by this part.
- (b) MSHA will consider the application and inspect the drawings and parts to determine whether it will be necessary to make any tests.
- (c) If no tests are necessary, the applicant will be advised of the approval or disapproval of the change by letter from MSHA.
- (d) If tests are judged necessary, the applicant will be advised of the material that will be required.

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